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given logical identifier can remain associate with the corresponding given feature following a change in the assignment of the corresponding interface identifier to the feature.

Remarks

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 1-42 are pending in the application, with claims 1, 18, 34, and 41 being the independent claims. Claim 34 is sought to be amended to correct an error inadvertently made in the Preliminary Amendment filed on January 24, 2000. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested. Prompt and favorable action on the claims presented for consideration is respectfully requested.

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